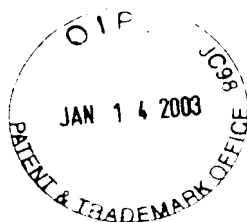


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Advisory Action of May 23, 2002, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed August 14, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks. Further, Applicants file herewith, an Information Disclosure Sheet (IDS) and copies of the references cited therein.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please delete the original Abstract of the Disclosure at page 27 in its entirety and insert the substitute Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows.